

January 16, 2015

The 241st regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite #207 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Jay Hughes, with Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, Board Member Miland Walling, Board Member Martin Spani, Board Member Brian VanCamp, Executive Secretary Brigitte Smith, and President TJ Nedrow (Washington State Firefighter's Association) present. Assistant Attorney General Tsering Cornell appeared by phone.

Secretary Smith asked that the Board add two items to the agenda. The first is a discussion and possible approval of a PPD award for Joshua Cramer, Grant Co. FPD #5, and the second is a discussion and possible approval of a change of the July Meeting date due to a scheduling conflict.

The Board reviewed the October 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 11, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. It was moved by VanCamp, seconded by Watenpaugh, and carried that the October minutes be approved, and moved by VanCamp, seconded by Walling, and carried that the December minutes be approved.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President TJ Nedrow asked to address the Board. President Nedrow informed the Board that this will be his last year as the President of the Washington State Firefighters Association. Although he will still be on the legislative committee, he will no longer be serving as the president. President Nedrow started in the WSFFA in 1991. He even volunteered with Joe Faubion (the former Executive Secretary) in 1987. In 2005, the WSFFA worked with legislators to increase the Board membership from three members to five, to help insure more rank-and-file representation. He said that he is impressed that the Board currently has about 30 years of service with the BVFF, including Secretary Smith's 15 years, which makes for few missteps. He also pointed out that the six representatives at the table also shared 206 years of volunteer firefighter experience. The Board means a lot to the firefighters because they do so much, without a lot of thanks. Although they don't hear it often, President Nedrow wanted to thank everyone on behalf of the firefighters. As thanks, he presented all six with the WSFFA President's Coin and Certificates of Appreciation. The coin is seldom presented, and only at the President's discretion. He told the Board that his last push as the president would be to try to get the memorial established on the capital grounds.

The Board recessed for half an hour for an Executive Session to discuss litigation and other AAG advice at 9:16 am.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:50 am.

The Board directed Secretary Smith to research the costs of setting up a state email account for each Board Member and report back at the next meeting. At that time, the Board would discuss whether they should have state email accounts or not.

It was moved by Watenpaugh, seconded by Spani, and carried that Secretary Smith research and write a policy to set a minimum amount payable for buy-backs. Notification should be sent to all departments that the policy would be effective May 1, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Smith updated the Board regarding the James Ballif case. There have been no major changes in the case, but the staff did inform one of his practitioners that our coverage does not and cannot extend to his spouse.

AAG Tsering Cornell stated that she was continuing to work on researching the cost of physicals and the cost to the LEOFF 2 Board for covering presumptive diseases and hopes to have an update at the next meeting.

AAG Cornell left the meeting at 10:00 am.

The Board reviewed the BVFF Accountability Audit for the fiscal year 2012.

The Board reviewed the BVFF Biennial Budget as submitted by OFM to the Legislature. Secretary Smith pointed out that it held no real surprises, but it was a little disappointing that the budget moved forward without containing funding for the new Social Security Death Master File Subscription that the BVFF had to pay for as a result of the Accountability Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a request for a PPD award for Anthony Turner, South Whatcom Fire Authority, for an injury sustained on June 28, 2014. After reviewing the Independent Medical Examination results, it was moved by VanCamp, seconded by Walling, and carried that Anthony Turner be granted a PPD Award of \$1,108.35.

The Board reviewed a request for a PPD award for Joshua Cramer, Grant Co. FPD #5, for an injury sustained on December 10, 2010. After reviewing the Independent Medical Examination results, it was moved by VanCamp, seconded by Watenpaugh, and carried that Anthony Turner be granted a PPD Award of \$8,648.21 should he choose to accept it.

The Board reviewed the following Pension Participation Waivers:

- Alan Doubrowsky, City of Goldendale, October 1, 2014 through December 23, 2014.
- Craig Poirot, Snohomish Co. FPD #15, August 5, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

It was moved by Spani, seconded by Watenpaugh, and carried, that the Pension Participation Waivers be granted for the time periods above.

The Board discussed a scheduling conflict for the Commissioner's Board Room for the July 10, 2015 meeting date. The room will not be available due to a Commissioner's Health Committee Meeting. The Board discussed the idea of having the meeting on the date scheduled in the office, but it was decided that having the meeting there made it more difficult for the staff to conduct its regular business. They then discussed moving the date, but there were a lot of scheduling conflicts with the board members that month. Member VanCamp offered to host the meeting on July 10, 2015 at his fire department's meeting room. It was moved by Watenpaugh, seconded by Spani, and carried that the July 10, 2015 Board Meeting be moved to Thurston Co. FPD #8 in their meeting room. Secretary Smith was directed to make all of the required notifications to the Code Reviser's Office.

The Board reviewed Secretary Smith's leave and pay records.

The Board reviewed and approved (Spani moved, VanCamp seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered #00644 through #00692 and various travel vouchers.

There was a motion by Spani, seconded by VanCamp, and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates:

		<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anderson, Dwayne	Spokane #4	9/11/2014	142.50@ age 62
Anderson, Joel	Stevens #11	10/1/2014	3813.39 Lump
Ault, Michael D	Cheney	11/17/2014	4748.13 Lump
Ayers, Ronald	Walla Walla #8	11/13/2014 J/S	203.36@ age 63
Balfe, Karen	Lincoln #6	11/8/2014	187.50
Beemer, Neil	Kitsap #2	11/29/2014	55.86 @ age 62
Berg, Diane	Skagit #14	10/2/2011	3442.79 Lump

Betrozoff, Thomas	Raymond	8/28/2014	180.00 @ age 60
Bissell, Douglas	Yakima #4	8/5/2014	300.00
Chambers, David	Morton	7/9/2014	108.30 @ age 62
Chin, Steven	Clallam #3	9/16/2014	300.00
Clark, Dawn (Larry)	Lincoln #7	11/10/2014 SURV	3567.65 Lump
Cline, Paul D	Cowlitz-Skamania #7	7/10/2014	252.00 @ age 63
Cook, Kelly	Laconner	10/30/2014	300.00
Cook, Larry	Pacific #3	8/27/2014	300.00
Cummings, Theodore	Skagit #13	6/20/2014	210.00
Dale, Lee G	Stevens #2	10/23/2014 J/S	246.90
Dekubber, John	Whatcom #3	5/31/2013	3116.71 Lump
Evans, James D	Douglas Okan #15	8/30/2014	3116.71 Lump
Fealy, Nolan J	Thurston #8	2/24/2015	3850.25 Lump
Flint, Thomas W	Grant CO FPD #5	5/24/2014	300.00
Fox, Truda	Whitman #10	12/1/2014	200.00
Giannuzio, Jim	Pierce #26	12/14/2013	3368.97 Lump
Grieve, Kenneth	Asotin	3/6/2014	4009.47 Lump
Grogan, Sam	Grant #5	8/28/2014	130.00
Hailey, Patricia (Stephan)	Franklin #1	12/28/2008 SURV	110.14
Hathaway, Max E	Whitman #3	10/1/2014	300.00
Hatton, Donald	Pacific #5	11/1/2014 J/S	228.80 @ age 64
Hiteshew, JR. George	Chelan #9	1/1/2015	300.00
Hoffman, Gary	Skagit #5	10/24/2014 J/S	246.90
Hoksbergen, Dale	Whatcom #7	9/22/2014	61.18 @ age 62
Howard, Bruce	Skagit #12	12/3/2014	4572.18 Lump
Johnson, Ralph	Lewis #14	12/27/2013	3895.88 Lump
Kenney, Dan M	Lincoln #7	10/24/2014	2142.73 Lump
Kinder, Jerry L	Grant #4	1/1/2015	210.00
Krizanic, Thomas M	Spokane #4	6/15/2014	290.00
Laws, Louis	Malden	7/21/2014	87.50
Lehman, Herbert	Skagit #5	8/28/2014 J/S	250.50
Maneman, Greg	Raymond	10/5/2014	2713.22 Lump
Martin, James	Yakima #6	12/18/2014	228.00 @ age 62
McDonald, Rocky E	Skagit #4	7/3/2014 J/S	219.00
McKinney, Ricky D	Palouse	10/12/2014	202.50
Meyer, Steven A	Spokane #11	9/3/2013	70.00
Moser, Marilyn J	Jefferson #2	10/23/2014	210.00
Moser, Robert	Jefferson #2	10/23/2014 J/S	167.16
Newton, Derek	Yakima #14	8/31/2014	3409.42 Lump
Pearson, Gary L	Thurston #6	10/29/2014	5586.03 Lump
Pedlar, James	Mason #13	11/5/2014	2507.07 Lump
Raap, Lawrence	Kittitas F&R	11/21/2014	300.00
Ray, Becky R	Yakima #5	10/1/2014	300.00
Reed, Steven R	Lincoln #7	11/1/2014 J/S	187.64 @ age 63
Rodin, Michael W	Snohomish #14	2/26/2014	5586.03 Lump
Roettger, William	Mabton	11/22/2014	228.00 @ age 62
Ruffino, Joseph A	No Highline	12/17/2012	77.00
Shamblin, Wilburn G	Spokane #3	10/14/2014 J/S	237.22
Shaw, Charles	Central Kitsap F&R	12/15/2014 J/S	96.99 @ age 60
Stewart, Jim	Skagit #11	12/12/2014	70.00
Strong, Linda S	Wahkiakum #3	1/8/2015	243.60 @ age 63
Strotz, Darlene	Snohomish #19	10/1/2014	300.00
Stutz, Raymond A	North Mason Reg FA	3/8/2013	1906.70 Lump
Walter, Clarence	Whitman #11	12/23/2014	4572.18 Lump
Weaver, Leonard	Mason #18	1/1/2014	3268.51 Lump
Wetzel, Wayne	Pierce #27	10/24/2014	2719.18 Lump
Whalen, Steven	Lynden	11/17/2014	195.00

Wickstrom, Alvin L
Woman, White Bear

Island #6
San Juan #4

10/21/2014
6/7/2013

77.00
3850.25 Lump

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Miland Walling stated he was concerned that a portion of the BVFF Trust Fund is invested in foreign markets and asked Secretary Smith if she could contact the State Investment Board and see what they are doing to mitigate any potential negative impact to the fund. Secretary Smith stated she would check with them and update the Board at the next meeting.

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public was present.

There was a motion by VanCamp, seconded by Walling, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 am.

Brigette K. Smith, Executive Secretary